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BANDITRY INCREASES IN SOUTH CHINA

UNRECORDED IN YUNNAN -- Ta Kung-pao, 31 Mar 49

Heretofore the newspapers in K'un-ming have not dared to print anything unfavorable concerning the government, the activities of bandits being one of the types of news suppressed from publication. Lately, however, the newspapers have given greater coverage of increasing bandit activities throughout western Yunnan, as follows:

K'un-ming -- Several hundred bandits recently attacked the famous Ch'ung-shan Monastery, located less than 10 kilometers west of K'un-ming, to pilfer rice from the granary. Despite official denials of trouble in this area, the workers of nearby power plants and factories are removing their families to K'un-ming for safety.

An-ning -- Roadside holdups are reported to be increasing in this area.

Ts'u-hsiung -- Although officials are denying reports that trouble is brewing, it is said that seven districts under the jurisdiction of the hsien magistrate are now refusing to obey his orders. The magistrate was recently attacked by bandits during an official trip through the hsien.

Shen-nan -- One of the causes for unrest in this area stems from the effort of the government to abolish poppy cultivation. As a result, anti-government elements are gaining wide followers by appealing to the masses. Actual bandit activities, such as robbery, etc., are being suppressed by the people themselves.

P'u-p'eng -- Opposition to the government's effort to suppress poppy cultivation is being led by Wen Shih-min, it is reported that robbery is limited to the seizure of firearms.

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Hsiang-yun -- It is reported that the opposition to the government's effort to suppress poppy cultivation is being led by Yang Wen-ch'ing, an older brother of the chief of the Provincial Civil Affairs Bureau. However, conflicting report states that a man named Li was the actual leader.

Feng-1 -- The main cause of unrest in this area stems from the people's resentment against government effort to curb poppy cultivation. It is said that telephone service is now being constantly interrupted by the bandits' tearing down of poles or wire-cutting.

Yun-lung -- Despite increasing bandit activities, the officials are continuing to refute the claim that there is any political significance to the activities. On 16 March the village of Shih-men-ching was suddenly placarded with slogans, "Support Mao Tse-tung," "Oppose conscription and taxation", etc., which were torn down by the police.

Pao-shan -- Although no outbreak has been reported to date, there are rumors of impending danger. A K'un-ming newspaper reported on 11 March 1949 that 64 hsien magistrates have resigned from their posts.

Yun Hsien -- A majority of the rich in this area are opium dealers, the most notable being Chao Cheng-yuan, who has held the position of superintendent of education. Recent uprisings resulted in the removal of the hsien magistrate, who was replaced by an honest and loyal citizen of the area. It is quite evident that the rioters maintain a close liaison with dissident groups of other areas.

BANDITRY IN YUNNAN -- Ta Kung-pao, 23 Mar 49

Chang Wei-han, control commissioner of the Yunnan-Kweichow District Supervisory Commission's Administrative Office, told reporters in Nan-ching that there were bandits within 35 miles of K'un-ming and that the 40,000 bandits in the province were opposed by only 20,000 Nationalist troops. He also stated that troops of Lung Yur [a former governor] are now infiltrating into the province.

BANDIT ACTIVITIES IN YUNNAN -- Shen Pao, 6 Apr 49

A traveller from Viet Nam reported that the Viet Nam Communists recently signed a treaty of alliance with the Chinese Communists and the bandits along the Yunnan border and are now awaiting an opportune moment to invade Yunnan and Kwangsi.

UNREST IN WESTERN YUNNAN -- Shen Pao, 2 Apr 49

Yin Li-yen, self-styled commander-in-chief of the "Southwestern People's Revolutionary Army," leading about 1,000 armed men, has been creating disorders in the An-chiang and Hung-chiang areas. He has also sent propagandists into Ch'ang-sha. The sign board of the office where these operators function reads "Meng Kung, Director General of the New China Party, and Yin Chung-i, Deputy Director-General and concurrently Commander-in-Chief of the New China Revolutionary Army." Yin Chung-i is another name for Yin Li-yen.

Provincial Chairman Ch'eng has issued orders to all local forces and authorities to maintain order in their districts and threatened that if Yin and his associates do not cease their disorderly activities, they will be dealt with mercilessly.

The entire 62d Division has been sent to An-chiang and Hung-chiang. If the bandits do not increase their numbers, the peace of these areas may be assured.

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